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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Katsuya WATANABE et al.

Serial No. [Not yet assigned] : Attn: Application Branch

Filed October 29, 1999

Optical Disk Apparatus
(Rule 1.53 Divisional
of Serial No. 08/688,294
Filed July 29, 1996)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the original specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.

Page 1, after the title, in the substitute specification insert This is a divisional
application of Serial No. 08/688,294, filed July 26, 1996.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel claims 1-19 and amend the specification and abstract in a manner similar to that in parent application Serial No. 08/688,294 to thereby place the application in better condition for examination.

Enclosed is a substitute specification and abstract. No new matter has been added. To aid the Examiner's consideration of the substitute specification and abstract, enclosed herewith is a